The Municipality has ultimately agreed to pay 4 per cent interest. In these circumstances, the project should be put in hand early.

Dewan's reply.—The project is under examination by the Chief Engineer and will be soon put in hand.

Subject No. 3.
Chikmagalur Town Police charges.

Summary of discussion.—The Chikmagalur Municipality now bears the cost of the Town Police, and as it is a poor Municipality, Municipal wants remain unprovided for. The Municipality should be relieved of Police charges.

Dewan's reply.—The request is reasonable and a Municipality which is carrying on such important works like those in hand at Chikmagalur and which has had to borrow money for its Public Works is entitled to the concession sought. It will accordingly be at once relieved of Police charges. Adverting to similar applications which have been received from other Municipalities, the Dewan remarked that as a general rule the Government would always be prepared to consider favorably the question of relief from Police charges in the case of such Municipalities at Head-Quarters of Districts as stood in real need of such relief and as were making a good use of the funds already at their disposal. (See also Subject No. 227.)

Subject No. 4.
Consultation with raiyats and Revenue authorities in regard to D. P. W. projects.

Summary of discussion.—Public Works Department projects should not be carried out without previous consultation with the Revenue authorities and with the raiyats affected thereby and unless approved of by them. Without this, there would be waste of expenditure. The Ramanahalli Channel now in progress is an example of error arising from want of such consultation and approval. To have repaired or restored the higher anikat would have been more profitable.

Note.—Representative Mr. H. Krishnappa from Closepet Taluk (Bangalore District) also made a representation to the same effect.

The Chief Engineer, Colonel Bowen, remarked that the upper anikat was an independent work altogether; and that successive Deputy Commissioners had asked for the Ramanahalli Channel, which would irrigate lands to which the Basavanahalli Tank was unable to supply water and would moreover improve generally the water-supply of lands in the Chikmagalur village.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao observed that the Deputy Commissioner did make some inquiries of raiyats concerning the project in question; but the raiyats understood the upper anikat to be meant. This upper anikat would have served the same purpose as the proposed Ramanahalli Channel, but at less cost by taking up less of raiyats' wet land than the latter and without having to be excavated in 3 miles of soft earth.

Dewan's reply.—We accept the general principle which Mr. Srinivasa Rao has suggested. Indeed no estimate for an

Irrigation project is accepted unless it is countersigned by the Deputy Commissioner. The general principle is thus observed in practice. In the individual case in question, this principle was fully attended to as far as possible, and after a consideration of the comparative merits of both projects, the lower channel was undertaken as having the first claim upon the Government.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao then suggested that the channel such as it is should be extended to make it remunerative and the Dewan replied that further extension, if practicable, would be undertaken in due course. The point was noted for consideration in the Public Works Department.

Subject No. 5.

Management of religious and charitable institutions.

Summary of discussion.—The object of Government endowments in land and money to religious and charitable institutions in the Province is not fulfilled to the fullest extent owing partly to the indiscretion or misconduct of the managers of those institutions or want of sufficient supervision on the part of local officers. Endowments to the different Matts such as the Sringeri, Uttaradi and Vyasarai, for example, are given for the diffusion of learning in general, and particularly of a knowledge of the tenets of the particular sects to which the Matts respectively belong, and also for charity. But there is little done in these Matts for imparting religious instruction. Much money is wasted on the relations of the Matt Guru or his dependants; and the Matt Priests themselves do little more than take cognizance of offences against caste rules and condone faults by levying penalties. They should at least establish Sanskrit classes for instruction and issue tracts for the spread of religious knowledge. Arrangements should be made to enforce the purposes of the endowments and to secure better supervision.

Similar representations were made from other Districts also. A representative from Kolar District added that owing to the failure of prescribed services in the places of worship of the various sects which were endowed by Government, there was a failure of seasonable rains and recurrence of epidemics. A representative from the Shimoga District suggested that local Panchayats should be appointed to look after these institutions in the first instance. A representative from Chitaldroog would have Government take charge of all religious institutions, even those not now under Muzarayi management and administer their affairs through the agency of Dharmakartas.

Dewan's reply.—A movement for reformation of the kind suggested for Matts should originate with the people. There is no doubt that the Matts are bound to provide an adequate Educational agency, but it is not possible for the Government